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As we leave 2012 behind and welcome all of the promise of the New Year, we want to express our gratitude and awe that this community inspires.

To Principal Nestor, our teachers, and staff we say Thank You! We feel so lucky to have each of you at our school. Please know we appreciate your obvious dedication and sincere efforts in providing our children's daily lessons and other needs.

For our Amity Interns-we are so happy you are with us. The connections you have already made with the children are clearly bringing cultural enlightenment and understanding. Thanks to our Amity Program coordinators for their support, guidance and time.

To all of our volunteers-we are truly grateful to have so many volunteers dedicated to carrying out our mission. The programs we are able to provide are made possible not only through your financial support but through your gifts of time and talent. Thank you for Walkathon, Passport, Reflections, Friday Packets, Staff Appreciation and Art Appreciation already this year.

We are also thankful to our communications team of volunteers: our editor, who weekly solicits articles and compiles this newsletter; our electronic communications editor/distributor who responds to all our requests to send emails, and our webmaster, who keeps our community "in the know!"

A heartfelt thank you to the Puesta del Sol PTA Board 2012-2013. They are working behind the scenes to keep all these programs running smoothly.

We wish everyone a peace-filled break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Anne Douglas and Barbara Mullen, PTA Co-Presidents 2012-2013

December 21, 2012

Upcoming Events

- 12/24-1/4 Winter Break
- 1/08 YES Class
- 1/9-1/13 Reflections Display
- 1/10 Reflections Lit. Reading
- 1/21 MLK Jr. Day NO SCHOOL
- 1/23 Principal/PTA Coffee
- 1/23 Kindy Info. Night
- 1/23 Immersion Kindy Reg. Begins
- 1/24 Skate King Night
- 1/29 PTA General Meeting
- 1/31 Passport Club Check

Reflections Art Display

Factoria Mall
 January 9-13

Literature Reading

Factoria Mall
 Thursday January 10
 6:30 to 8:00 pm

 **Winter Break**
 December 24 -
 January 4

Important Dates for BSD Kindy Registration 2013-14

- January 23 Spanish Immersion Kindergarten information night at Puesta del Sol @ 6:30 pm in gym.-ADULTS ONLY
- January 23 District-wide registration for Kindergarten & Spanish Immersion begins. Lottery cards may be picked up at the Puesta del Sol office.
- March 1 Deadline for Lottery Registration. Lottery cards, birth certificate, and required proof of residency must be returned to Puesta del Sol office by 3:30 pm.
- March 6 Lottery, if required, will be conducted at end of day.
- March 11 Lottery results will be posted in the Puesta del Sol office.

Parents whose children were selected through the lottery in to the Spanish Immersion Program should pick up registration packets at the school office. The school does not mail registration material.


IMPORTANT!

Families with siblings must register and enroll in the lottery to obtain a seat in kindergarten.

 **Sandy Hook Elementary: Show your Support!**

The Connecticut PTSA has created a special way that we can show our support for Sandy Hook Elementary School. Please send paper snowflakes for the school via the Connecticut PTSA by Jan 12. Donations will also be accepted indefinitely to the Connecticut PTSA "Sandy Hook Fund" to provide ongoing support to the community.

Thank you for all you do for our kids.


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Molly Schladetzky and Kelly Silver, Co-Presidents

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Submit articles by Monday at 9 pm to newsletter@puestadelsolpta.org

Your PTA @Work

Reflections

Passport

Principal coffee

Native American storyteller (4th grade on campus field trip)

Theater field trip (Kindergarten, 1st grade)

Book fair (for Spanish immersion through the arts)



Clothing & Toy Drive

It's not too late to donate! Visit

www.treehouseforkids.org to learn more about the program and help children this holiday season and beyond.

Ice Skate in Bellevue

Simply mention Puesta del Sol Elementary when you go ice skating at the rink in the Downtown Bellevue Park and our PTA will earn \$3 for each visit between November 23-December 18, 2012 & January 7-13, 2013. More information on this fun holiday event at www.magicseason.com



Dining for Dineros Ooba Toobas Mex Grill

Home for the holidays - don't feel like cooking? Mention "**Puesta del Sol**" at the order counter when you go to Ooba Toobas Mex Grill in Factoria and **10% of the sales** will be donated to Puesta del Sol PTSA.

Valid Mon. - Fri. after 3:00 pm and all day on the weekends. Good until January 6th! Valid on dine in, take out and party pack orders.

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12821 SE 38th Bellevue WA 98006
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Support 18,000 Students

When you're doing your holiday shopping this season, don't forget to click through our website

www.bellevueschoolsfoundation.org and Amazon will donate 8% of every purchase you make to support Bellevue students! Share the link and spread the word to family and friends anywhere.

Messages from the School Nurse

Flu Shots: Influenza is HERE early and it's not too late to get your flu shot! Last year we were "hit" in April/May. Seattle Children's already has 40 confirmed cases. Stop the spread and protect your family by getting vaccinated today. For up to date information, visit www.doh.wa.gov. To find an immunization clinic, call the Family Health Hotline at 1-800-322-2588.

Needed: Used sweatpants for school clinic. Sizes 8 to 12 please. Small sizes not needed. Thank you!

Check for Lice: Please check for head lice prior to returning to school after winter break. For info, help with checking or treatment, or to report finding some critters, please contact school nurse Cori Ponti at 425-456-6105.

Visitor Badges Required

Bellevue School District policy requires that all visitors stop in the school office to sign in and secure a name tag which must be visibly displayed while on school property. This includes all parents/volunteers and community members that may be working in classrooms, the lunchroom or playground. If you are visiting our campus and notice anybody not wearing a nametag, please ask if you can help them and direct them to the office to sign in. Pod doors will remain locked during school hours. Thanks for keeping our campus safe!

Are You Doing Too Much for Your Children?

Tuesday, January 8 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Youth Eastside Services at Crossroads Park in Bellevue

Overindulgence is not just about too many "things"; it's also about too many privileges, too much attention & too few rules. In this FREE class, parents will learn ways to set limits on what is given & how to empower children by letting them do for themselves. REGISTER: 425-747-4937 or info@youtheastideservices.org.

For a list of upcoming events or to find out how to schedule a YES speaker at your next meeting, please visit youtheastideservices.org.



Save the date! Next Principal/PTA Coffee January 23

9:15-10:15 am in the library

Please join us to hear about all that the Puesta del Sol library has to offer. Sra. Brody will be holding an information session about the databases and other opportunities for our students and families available at our library.

Invite an Intern During Winter Break!

Make your holidays brighter with Pablo, Maria, Eli and Alba!

Please help the Interns feel welcome-invite them for dinner or on a family outing.

Your family learns about their culture, and they learn more about ours!

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Inclement Weather Information

The easiest way to find out about possible closures or delayed starts is to call the District 24-hour recorded School News Hotline at (425) 456-4111.

Or you can access the Public School Emergency Communication Systems' website at www.schoolreport.org

Along with knowing how to find out about school closures, please do be sure to send your student to school with appropriate outerwear, and footwear for the weather. We have recess outside most of the time – indoor recess occurs when the weather is severe enough to make students and staff quickly uncomfortable outside.